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Mid-Atlantic's Top Bulls Offered at PA Livestock Evaluation Center Performance Tested Sale March 28

Auction Features 99 Bulls from Six Breeds; Online Viewing and Bidding

Pennsylvania Furnace, Pa. – Beef producers can buy some of the best genetics in the region during a bull sale at Pennsylvania's Livestock Evaluation Center in Pennsylvania Furnace, Centre County, on Friday, March 28 at noon.

Consignors will offer 99 bulls representing the Angus, Charolais, Hereford, Limousin, Red Angus and Simmental breeds, as well as crossbreds, at the 41st Performance-Tested Bull Sale.

Bulls enrolled in the program completed a 112-day test evaluating average daily gain, weight per day of age, feed efficiency, loin muscle size and fat deposition. They also passed a breeding soundness exam.

Top bulls from each breed:

- **Angus** – consigned by Hawthorn Valley Farm of Richland, Allegheny County; adjusted yearling weight, 1,313 pounds; average daily gain 5.12 pounds; adjusted loineye 17.6 square inches; 55 Angus will sell.
- **Charolais** – consigned by Desco Charolais, Greencastle, Franklin County; adjusted yearling weight, 1,150 pounds; average daily gain 3.42 pounds; adjusted loineye 16.0 square inches; one Charolais sells.
- **Hereford** – consigned by Slayton's BearDance, Bedford, Bedford County; adjusted yearling weight, 1,342 pounds; average daily gain 4.2 pounds; adjusted loineye 16.1 square inches; eight Herefords will sell.
- **Red Angus** – consigned by Deer Run Farm, Emmitsburg, Md.; adjusted yearling weight, 1,249 pounds; average daily gain 5.11 pounds; adjusted loineye 16.6 square inches; eight Red Angus will sell.
- **Shorthorn** – consigned by Bomgardners Shorthorns, Annville, Lebanon County; adjusted yearling weight, 1,276 pounds; average daily gain 4.03 pounds; adjusted loineye 15.7 square inches; one Shorthorn sells.
- **Simmental** – consigned by Stewart's Simmental Cattle, Halifax, Dauphin County; adjusted yearling weight, 1,512 pounds; average daily gain 4.54 pounds; adjusted loineye 15.95 square inches; 24 Simmentals will sell.
- **SimAngus** – consigned by Sunrise Farms, Attica, N.Y.; adjusted yearling weight, 1,498 pounds; average daily gain 4.31 pounds; adjusted loineye 16.73 square inches; two SimAngus will sell.

Catalogs featuring final weights and performance information are available at the center's website and mailed by request. Search "PA Bull Test" on www.youtube.com for video previews of bulls. The auction will be broadcast at cowbuyer.com.

Sale day events also include a trade show hosted by the Pennsylvania Cattlemen's Association and the Pennsylvania Angus Finest Female and Simmental female consignment sales following the bull sale.

Since 1973, the Pennsylvania Performance Bull Testing Program has provided the state's beef industry with a way to measure inherited traits through sire evaluation. The center has adapted with advancing technology, offering more information on bulls and enhancing their marketability to potential buyers with each year. Careful guidance and foresight have developed the center into a regional hub for improving the beef industry.

For more information about Pennsylvania's performance testing programs and sales or facilities for hosting livestock events, contact Greg Hubbard at 814-238-2527 or g Hubbard@pa.gov or visit www.livestockevaluationcenter.com.

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The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's Livestock Evaluation Center measures genetic traits for beef, swine, sheep and meat goats for two purposes: to benefit producers through evaluating economically important traits and to benefit consumers by providing wholesome, high-quality products at an affordable price.